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**CATALOGUE**  
**OF**  
**SELECTED PRIZE MEDAL**  
**DAHLIAS**

**1915**

**FORBES AND KIETH**  
**299 CHANCERY STREET**  
**New Bedford, Mass., U. S. A.**

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Members of the New England Dahlia Society, New Bedford Horticultural Society, Connecticut Horticultural Society and New Haven County Horticultural Society.

### READ CAREFULLY

#### THE CATALOGUE

In issuing this catalogue to our friends and customers, we bespeak their support and patronage, and we assure them that we will do all in our power to warrant their further confidence.

#### CULTURE

Dahlias require a light, open situation, a well-worked and moderately rich soil, and deep and frequent cultivation. If soil is heavy use plenty of coal ashes. Plant any time from the first of May until the end of June, covering the tuber with 3 or 4 inches of soil and cutting out all but one or two stalks. For exhibition flowers thin freely.

#### SUPERIOR VARIETIES

For the above reason a great many of the older varieties will be missed from this list, especially those which have been superseded by better sorts. Remember; It is not the length of the list, but the selection which counts, whether one grows for cut flowers or for exhibition.

#### CULTURE

We have had so many inquiries as to the best soil and fertilizer to use in growing dahlias to the greatest perfection we present herewith a plain statement of facts. We ask our customers to try some by our methods and compare results with any other method they see fit. Dahlias will not grow in the shade and give satisfactory results. They require an open sunny situation and a sandy or light soil. If the soil is heavy or "mucky" we advise the liberal use of coal ashes. This makes the best soil for the dahlias. It holds the moisture, is easily cultivated and is to a great extent preventative of cutworms. Do not use manure below the roots as it will drive the plants to foliage. If the soil is poor or sterile a handful of bone meal, in the soil at the root is sufficient. After the plant is in bud, give a mulch of manure on the ground around the plant six inches from the stalk. This will prevent the moisture from evaporating from the ground. If the plant needs water, do it without the nozzle on the hose and wet well so the water will reach the bottom of the bulb. When only the top of the ground is wet the "runners" of the roots will go to the top after the moisture and soon your plants will turn yellow and not good results will ensue. We ask all our customers to plant one dahlia in coal ashes and follow our method of raising Prize Medal Dahlias, and inform us of their success.

#### TRUE TO NAME

We guarantee all tubers true to name and also their arrival in good growing condition

#### CONCERNING ERRORS

While we exercise the utmost care in handling our stock, nevertheless errors may creep in. In such cases we allow the purchasers equal value in the following spring

#### TERMS OF SALE

All quotations are for field roots or pot roots. Remittances must accompany orders when from unknown correspondents.

FORBES & KEITH.



## RUTH FORBES

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A beautiful, clear, pink without shading, the nearest approach to A. D. Livoni in color yet obtained.

A strong, vigorous grower, producing its mammoth flowers in great abundance. For garden culture it occupies a prominent place, and for table decoration, especially under an artificial light it has no equal.

25c each \$2.50 Per Doz.

## “RUTH FORBES” A WINNER

**READ WHAT THE SECRETARY OF THE GERMAN DAHLIA SOCIETY, AT LEIPSIG, HAS TO SAY ABOUT THIS FAMOUS SEEDLING.**

“As to Ruth Forbes, this is really a first-class novelty. I showed a fine vase at the Dahlia Novelty Show at Hannover, and everybody admired the pretty flowers. The form of the flower is just fit for our taste—the color lovely lilac-rose with a light hue of blue, which insinuates in the daylight and under artificial light. The effect is indescribable. Very long and wire-like stems carry the flower well above the foliage. I am quite sure that Ruth Forbes will soon be praised by every dahlia friend—the first useful cactus dahlia from America—and I dare say raiser and introducer will be proud.”

Yours faithfully,

**CURT ENGELHARDT.**

Leipzig-Eutritzsch, January 12th, 1910.

**(From a Catalogue received from Germany 1915)**

**RUTH FORBES** Eigene Einfuhrung aus America.

Diese prachtvolle Edeldahlie zeigte ich letzten Herbst auf den Dahlien-Ausstellungen und wurden die Blumen ebenso bewundert wie die von mir im Frankfurter Dahlien-Versuchsfelde untergebrachten Pflaezen. Die Blumen werden von starken Stielen getragen; sie sind sehr substanzreich und haltbar and bestechen durch uberaor prachtvolle Ca tleyenrosa Farbung

**(From a Catalogue received from France, 1915)**

**RUTH FORBES** Grandes fleur d'n beau rose clair, portees sur des longs pedogcules.



**OTHER RECOGNITION**

Ruth Forbes, wherever shown in our own country, has achieved instant and unqualified success. It has the following awards to its credit:

**1906**

Silver Medal, New Bedford Horticultural Society, September 12.

First Class Certificate, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, October 10

**1908**

First Prize, for vase of 25, New Bedford Horticultural Society, September 10

First Prize, for vase of 12, New Bedford Horticultural Society, September 10

First Prize, for vase of 25, New England Dahlia Society, September 17

First Prize, for vase of 25, American Institute, New York, September 22.

First Class Certificate, Newport Horticultural Society, October 13.

**1909**

First Prize, vase, at New Bedford Horticultural Society.

**1911**

First Prize, vase, Snohomish County Rose and Dahlia Society Everett, Washington.

**1913**

Special Prize, for vase of 25, American Institute, New York, Sept. 23.

Eminent Specialists and Hybridizers inform us that it takes seven years for a plant to become thoroughly established from seed. It gives us pleasure to inform our customers that after seven years of constant care and cultivation, we can guarantee the Ruth Forbes to come true to description. We have grown thousands of this variety and have never seen a "sport" in any flower. We do not claim it to be the largest flower grown, neither do we claim to satisfy everyone's taste in regards to its color in daylight, but we **DO** claim it to be the finest cut flower for vase effects when placed under artificial light. For decorative purposes, at receptions, etc., where electric lights are used the effect is magnificent. the light green foliage sets off the pure pink blossoms to such an extent that it must be seen to be fully appreciated.

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## **“RUTH FORBES”**

“O wad some power the giftie gie us  
To see ourselves as ithers see us.”

—Robert Burns.

### **PRESS COMMENTS**

#### **RUTH FORBES AND NEWPORT**

These two choice American seedlings were originated by Joseph C. Forbes of New Bedford. In 1905, out of a batch of five seedlings, one showed exceptional merit, and the first flower produced was sent to Newport, where, in close competition it was awarded the society's silver medal.

The seedling was named Newport in consideration of the award.

Another seedling of the five was marked for trial the following year and developed so finely that it was awarded a silver medal by the New Bedford Horticultural Society in competition with Newport and local growers. This was named in honor of his daughter, “Ruth Forbes.”

The same year flowers of each were sent to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, where each was awarded a first class certificate of merit, thereby gaining the honor of being the first American seedlings to receive this recognition, the highest honor ever given a dahlia by this society.

Mr. Forbes also has one more promising seedling from this small strike which may be heard from later.

Mr. Forbes' success from so small a beginning should prove a source of encouragement to others having only limited time and space —Dahlia News, September, 1908.

#### **FROM DAHLIA NEWS, NOVEMBER, 1908.**

Report of New Bedford Dahlia Exhibition, September 10, 11, 12, 1908.

Conspicuous among the exhibits was a vase of twenty-five Ruth Forbes (first) and Jeanne Charmet (second) entered for a vase of twenty-five flowers of one variety.

#### **FROM DAHLIA NEWS, OCTOBER, 1908**

Report of New England Dahlia Exhibition, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass., September 17, 18, 19, 1908.

A vase of Ruth Forbes made a great sensation. The stems of these flowers were fully four feet long and the beautiful pink shade of the blooms made a most attractive coloring among the green ferns where they were placed.

#### **FROM DAHLIA NEWS, NOVEMBER, 1908**

American Institute Dahlia Exhibition, New York, September 22, 23, 24.

“Among the most striking of the new dahlias was . . . the Ruth Forbes: this, shown in a vase of twenty-five blooms, long stems, of the Decorative Class, stood out above any others of its class, and received first honors.”

**"RUTH FORBES"**

FROM NEW BEDFORD SUNDAY TIMES, OCTOBER 26, 1908.

One of the prettiest species of dahlias ever seen in this vicinity is the Ruth Forbes dahlia.

Since the Ruth Forbes dahlia was first exhibited in public at the exhibit of the New Bedford Horticultural Society on September 12, 1906, this flower has been on exhibition at flower shows six times, and has never failed to carry off the first prize.

At the first exhibit of the New Bedford Horticultural Society, the Ruth Forbes was awarded a silver medal as the best seedling on exhibition,

Less than a month later, on October 10, the flower was on exhibition at the display of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. There it was awarded a first class certificate, the highest award ever given a dahlia in this country. The flower is in addition the first American seedling to receive this recognition.

During this year the Ruth Forbes has taken four prizes, two from the New Bedford Horticultural Society, one from the New England Dahlia Society, and one from American Institute of New York.

The Ruth Forbes is of a beautiful clear pink in color, without shading, and is claimed to be the nearest approach in color to the A. D. Livoni yet obtained.

It shows to best advantage as a table flower, as it blossoms abundantly, with large luxuriant flowers.

The variety was originated by Joseph C. Forbes of this city.



**"HOME SWEET HOME"**

Photo by Ruth Forbes

## NEW CATCUS DAHLIAS FOR 1915

These represent the very highest attainment in Dahlia raising. They are by far the most popular of the Dahlia family, having long twisted petals of most beautiful colors, many of them blending one color with another in a most pleasing manner. Sometimes called "Chrysanthemum" Dahlias from their strong resemblance to that flower.

The illustrations shown in this catalogue were made from photographs of flowers grown by us.

**Bessie Pelsifer.** A fine cut flower - yellow and salmon. 50 cts.

**Brisbane.** A beautiful orange scarlet - fine for exhibition. \$1.00

**Brousson.** Rose color and lighter tips, long petals very incurved.

**Dr. Roy Appleton.** Salmon pink - long pointed petals - very narrow. \$1.00

**Empress.** A fine exhibition variety, rose color, incurved petals \$1.00.

**Extase.** A grand exhibition variety, narrow petals, light rose color, shading to white in center.

**Fox Hunter.** Bright scarlet with incurved petals; free bloomer. 50 cts.

**Golden Plover.** Golden yellow shaded bronze towards the tips, very free. 75cts.

**Golden Wave.** Rich deep yellow, flowers large and abundant. 75 cts.

**Golden Eagle.** Brightest yellow suffused with rose and fawn, \$1.00.

**Irresistible.** Cream center, suffused pink, very large flowers on erect stems; a beautiful pink that cannot be surpassed. \$1.00.

**Mrs. D. Fleming.** A pure white flower of finest form, flower deep and constant. \$1.00.

**Malcolm H. Richardson.** One of the largest exhibition dahlias. Color, salmon and primrose, the reflexed side of the outer petals going crimson; magnificent. \$1.00.

**Miss Stredwisk.** A beautiful yellow and pink variety, - long petals 75 cts.

**Mrs. Henry R. Worth.** A fine companion for the Countess of Lonsdale. A bright scarlet, early bloomer, and never shows center. 75 cts

**Mrs. Stevens.** A pale Primrose, early bloomer, a grand variety \$1.00.

**Marion.** A first class flower in every respect; old gold and pink; flowers large and abundant. \$1.00.

**Mercury.** A fine fancy cactus; yellow ground, striped and speckled crimson. 50 cts.

**Pearl De Lyon.** Pure white - long stems and perfect in form and a great bloomer. 25 cts.



MASTER CARL



SNOWDON

JOHANNESBURG

**Roger Le Clerc.** A fine flower, yellow shading to white in center. fine for cutting and a good keeper. 35 cts.

**Richard Box.** Clear light yellow, flowers large on good stems, \$1.00

**Tokio.** One of the largest cactus, yellow at base, suffused pink salmon. \$1.00.

**Turtle Dove.** Scarlet changing to white at tips, fine bi-color. 75 cts.

**Stability.** Pretty pink, fine garden variety. 75 cts.

**Sunlight.** Yellow shaded bronze, an effective dahlia. 75 cts.

**Sweet Briar.** A most beautiful pink; one of the finest garden dahlias in existence. 75 cts.

**White Ensign.** A fine white cactus; unsurpassed for cut flowers 75 cts.

**Wolfgang-Von-Goethe.** A beautiful large flower on long stems; color a dark apricot in center, gradually shading violet at the tips. \$1.00.

**Conquest.** One of the very best dark cactus flowers of large size on strong stems, good for both exhibition and garden. 75 cts.

**Gwendoline Tucker.** A flower of the largest size, pale flesh pink, long claw-shaped petals. 75 cts.

**Indomitable.** Flower of the finest form, rich rosy pink, finest Exhibition variety.

**Johannesburg.** A monster flower, color amber gold, very fine exhibition variety. 75 cts.

**Jupiter.** Best fancy cactus yet raised, ground pink, with yellow base striped and splashed fine crimson, flowers large and free. 75 cts.

**Lady Muriel.** Pretty shade of lilac pink, lighter centre, flowers large, good exhibition variety. 50 cts.

**Leda.** Deep violet rose, creamy base, tipped light rose, good for exhibition. 50 cts.

**The Imp.** Darkest cactus dahlia known, good shaped petal of full size, almost black. 75 cts.

**Prima Donna.** Probably the finest white exhibition variety. 50 cts.

**Una.** Delicate rose pink shading to silvery rose, each petal forked, giving the flower a beautiful light appearance. 75 cts.

**Rev. T. W. Jamieson.** The blooms are moderately incurved in form, and the florets fluted right to the centre: the younger or unopened petals, are yellow, but quickly change to lilac rose, the older florets have edges of deeper color, extreme tips yellow. 50 cts.

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**Secretaire Fuld.** Strong flower, citron yellow, strongly shaded salmon. 35 cts.

**Beloit.** The most massive cactus dahlia in existence of deep purplish crimson. \$1.00.

**Modelle.** A beautiful pink shade with white centre; fine for cutting. 35 cts.

**Rene Cayeux.** A gem amongst the cactus dahlias. Though the flowers are not of the largest, the form is absolutely perfect; the plant grows but two feet high. Every stem is always crowned with one perfect specimen of flower. The color, rich ruby-crimson, is very effective. In our opinion, this is the freest blooming cactus dahlia in existence. 50 cts.

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## America's Finest Cactus Dahlia

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**The Denison.** (Our own introduction.) This fine American seedling was first shown at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society Exhibition, Boston, Mass., on September 8, 1911, where it received a First Class Certificate of Merit.

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On September 19, 1911, it was shown at the American Institute of New York and was awarded The Certificate of Merit.

Description: Pure rosy pink, six inches in diameter, sharp petals, long stems, light green foliage, early bloomer, very floriferous, fine keeper, and does not show center.

This fine novelty is offered this year for the first time. An exhibit of this variety has been sent to the Panama Pacific Exposition in San Francisco and we feel confident that this Dahlia compares with any existing variety at the present time. Price \$1.00.

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# THE DENISON





## CACTUS DAHLIAS—GENERAL COLLECTION

**Advance.** Brightest fiery scarlet, base tinged yellow. An immense flower, and may be relied upon for exhibition. Second prize in Boston for largest Cactus dahlis. 25 cts.

**Alight.** Rich orange, centre deep orange, a refined full flower with long, slightly incurved petals, fine habit, early and free flowering. A grand exhibition variety. 35 cts.

**Aristid Gurtler.** A splendid free-flowering garden dahlia; color a brilliant orange scarlet. 25 cts.

**Amos Perry.** One of the finest for garden decoration, bright scarlet. 25 cts.

**Aurora.** The finest dahlia in cultivation; a cream-colored centre shading to amber and then through tints of pink to white tips. A model flower of good habit. 25 cts.

**C. E. Wilkins.** Certainly one of the finest of recent introductions, free flowering, with good habit. Light yellow overlaid with an exquisite shade of bright salmon-pink. 35 cts.

**Cockatoo.** The color is a clear canary yellow ground, while the tips of the florets are pure white. The under surface of flowers is a pale fawn tint. Extra fine. 25 cts.

**Countess of Kenmare.** An exceedingly large flower, rich amber suffused with salmon, petals long and fine. 35 cts.

**Countess of Lonsdale.** Salmon red, very free. 20 cts.

**Crepuscule.** Pale orange yellow, the outer petals deepening to deep amber buff very refined flower of beautiful shape and very large size, with the habit of Britannia; one of the earliest, most constant and freest-blooming varieties we know. 35 cts.

**Diavolo.** Fancy Cactus; yellow striped and splashed with chocolate and Crimson. 35 cts.

**Die Unschuld.** A rather broad, heavy petaled, creamy-white variety; produces flowers in great abundance on good stems. A magnificent flower 25 cts.

**Dorothy.** Much admired on account of the delicacy of coloring; silvery pink with just a touch of white on the reverse of petals. Good habit. 35 cts.

**Dr. Gray.** A magnificent shade of fiery scarlet, petals narrow and plentiful; a free bloomer. 35 cts.

**Electric.** Bright golden yellow, heavily and regularly tipped with white. 75 cts.

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**Emmy.** A medium sized flower of a dark maroon color. A early early bloomer and a fine keeper. 35 cts.

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## !!! SPECIAL !!!

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We have some varieties that have been mixed in handling, which we will dispose of at One **Dollar a Dozen**. To anyone who wants flowers for the country cottage, seaside bungalow, or to cover a bare spot in the garden, this offer cannot fail to appeal. We take this method rather than carry them over until next season.

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**Else.** A flower of exquisite beauty; centre delicate yellow passing to amber and heavily edged deep rose. 25 cts.

**Erbprinzessin Von Reuss.** A remarkably fine dark variety; fine petaled and very free, on good stems. Should be in every collection. 25 cts.

**Ella Kramer.** Medium size flower; rose pink; fine for cutting. 25 cts.

**Kremhilde.** The best stemmed cactus for cut flowers; pink and white; medium size 25 cts.

**Eureka.** One of the best all-around varieties we have, very telling on the exhibition stand. Violet crimson shading to purple madder in centre, 25 cts.

**Fairy.** This is an exceedingly graceful white variety, the petals are very long, narrower than those of almost any other Cactus dahlias and most gracefully incurved. 25 cts.

**Faunus.** This variety bids well for first place in yellowish buff-colored kinds; it is yellow shaded and tipped with salmon, while the centre is salmon. One of the best. 35 cts.

**F. H. Chapman.** Yellowish orange, a splendid exhibition flower. 25 cts.

**Fireworks.** Rich yellow striped with red; a leader in the fancy section. Very good. 50 cts.

**Florence Burt.** A beautiful fancy cactus; crimson and white fine stem, free bloomer. 25 cts.

**Florodora.** Wine crimson, fine for cutting...20 cts.

**Glory of Wilts.** Bright yellow, large, constant and free flower.-ing. 75 cts.

**Goldland.** The finest yellow garden Cactus we have, producing its deep yellow flowers in abundance on good stems. 25 cts.

**Gondola.** Another grand addition to the garden Cactus dahlia. The bright pink blossoms are produced in profusion from early until late. 25 cts.

**Harbour Light.** Orange red, deepening towards tips of petals; flowers large and of incurving form. Habit of the best. An ideal exhibition variety. 25 cts.

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**H. J. Jones.** Color, delicate primrose in centre, shading to sweetest rosy pink. Blooms large and composed of the longest of petals. 25 cts.

**Harzer Kind.** A most profuse flowering Cactus dahlia and one of the best bedders. Plants grow only 2 to 2 1-2 feet high and are literally covered with medium-sized, delicate lavender pink flowers. 25 cts.

**Ivanhoe.** Long, narrow petals, fine form and large flower. The plants are dwarf and wiry wooded, and produce exhibition blooms freely. The color is a deep yet bright straw color. 25 cts.

**J. H. Jackson.** Very large flower, of blackish maroon color. Good all-around variety. 20 cts.

**Lady Colin Campbell.** Yellow shaded with orange. 25 cts.

**Lawine.** One of the finds of the year; a pure white. A grand flower for vase effect. 25 cts.

**Liza Barecke.** A unique shade, magenta purple with a lighter reflex; very free flowering on excellent stems. Recommended. 50 cts.

**Lord of the Manor.** Bright, fiery scarlet, base of petals yellow; good. 25 cts.

**Master Carl.** Immense flowers of a bright amber color. 25 cts.

**Mrs. H. J. Jones.** Red, tipped white; best bi-colored variety. 20 cts.

**Mrs. H. Shoesmith.** The finest white we have yet found, whether grown for exhibition or garden decoration. A strong, healthy grower producing its perfect flowers freely on long, stiff stems. 35 cts.

**Marathon.** A large yellowish flower shaded with carmine pink. 75 cts.

**Mercury.** Yellow ground, striped and speckled crimson. 50 cts.

**Magpie.** This is a beautiful bi-colored variety; free flowering. and good stems. Maroon tipped with white narrow petals. 50 cts.

**Mrs. T. G. Baker.** Color a rich deep orange, gradually shading to yellow near the base of the petals. The blooms are very large, petals long and narrow, and never come shallow. A most reliable variety for exhibition or garden decoration. 35 cts.

**Mrs. Stranack Gaskill.** A delicate and exceedingly beautiful shade of pink; good form, large size and finely-petaled. We consider this one of the best. 25 cts.

**Nelson.** One of the most distinct varieties raised; the flowers are large and very freely produced on long stems. with a good strong habit; the petals are long, very narrow, and curling in a most elegant manner. Color, rich crimson, shading to bright magenta. 25 cts.

**Phineas.** An exceedingly large and deeply-built flower; bright scarlet. 25 cts.

**Pink Pearl.** One of the most showy varieties that we have; the flowers being a pretty shade of rich rose-pink. While the extreme tips of the florets are blush white. 25 cts.

**Reliable.** A novel and distinct combination of yellow, brick-red and salmon, the base of the florets being yellow and the tips the paler shade. A fine bold flower which may always be depended on. 25 cts.

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**WODAN**



**MAURICE RIVORIOR**





# Panama-Pacific Exposition

## San Francisco, California

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To our customers throughout the United States, we extend a cordial invitation to visit our display at the exposition. We have been allotted 3,100 square feet of space and feel confident that our display of Prize Medal Dahlias will repay those who have an opportunity to visit them.

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**Rev. Arthur Bridge.** Color is exceedingly beautiful, being a bright, clear yellow suffused and tipped with a delicate rose pink; petals very narrow and incurved. 35 cts.

**Rev. Dr. Baker.** A variety bound to please. A lovely bright plum color, flowers freely produced. May be relied upon to furnish an exhibition blossom at any time. 35 cts.

**Sunshine.** Deep rosy carmine shading to white center, a lovely color and flower reliable. 25 cts.

**Stern.** The finest yellow dahlia in cultivation; the star-shaped flowers are made up of long raking petals of the purest canary yellow. Very large. 25 cts.

**Rene Armelia.** A beautiful shaped cactus. Cream and pink. narrow petal, an ideal flower for vase decoration. 50 cts.

**Snowdon.** The finest white cactus in cultivation; pure white, large size, fine stems, and in every way a first-class flower. For exhibition purposes it cannot be surpassed. 50 cts.

**Wodan.** This is one of the best importations in recent years. A sturdy grower, with immense flowers; a fine exhibition variety. A yellowish cream color, the petals being very long and deep. 50 cts.

**T. G. Baker.** The best yellow for exhibition. Very large, pure yellow flowers on strong stems freely produced. Awarded first prize at Boston, for largest Cactus dahlia. (8 inches in diameter.) 50 cts.

**William Marshall.** A flower of gigantic dimensions and finest form, rich orange with bright yellow centre. 35 cts.

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**DECORATIVE DAHLIAS**

This class is coming rapidly to the front, and is liable to supersede the Cactus varieties in popularity. In the new varieties we have strong, robust plants producing flowers of massive build, with broad, flat petals making a very striking appearance. For garden decoration or cutting they are unsurpassed.

**Grand Decorative Novelty, Our Own Introduction.**

**Francis A. Butts.** The seedling of Great Possibilities.

An immense flower 7 to 8 inches in diameter on the longest stem of any dahlia in existence. These stems are over two feet long, without a leaf. The stems are very strong, making this the best dahlia on the market for decorative purposes. The color is flesh white with a slight edge pure lavender. As the flower opens, it bleaches to a pure white, making it a flower of great beauty. This novelty will be grown and exhibited at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Of the thousands of seedlings that we have grown, we consider this the best Decorative seedling we have ever produced. Price 75 cts.

**GENERAL COLLECTION**

**Auguste Nonin.** A large clear scarlet flower borne in great profusion on long, stiff stems. 50 cts.

**Alice Roosevelt.** White mauve shaded. 50 cts.

**Beaute Lyonnaise.** White edged red, sometimes a solid red or varying through the intermediate shades. A really fine flower. 25 cts.

**Delice.** Without doubt the finest dahlia for general planting; the plants are very robust and produce quantities of beautiful light pink flowers on strong upright stems, clear of the foliage. 25 cts.

**Esmeralda.** White ground shaded and tipped with pinkish violet. Very effective. 35 cts.

**F. Grinsted.** A first-class variety producing its fine large double flowers in great abundance on good stems, deep yellow ground striped with a clear and effective red. Splendid for bold effects. \$1.00

**Fireburst.** An immense flower. Brick red, fine stems, an exhibition flower always to be depended on. 75 cts.

**Gigantea.** Soft sulphur yellow, petals short and plentiful, making a large, compact bloom. 35 cts.

**Hortulanus Fiet, 1912.** Salmon, yellow center, very large flowers. \$1.00

**Hortulanus Budde, 1912.** Bright orange red, a splendid round form, blooms erect above the foliage. \$1.00.

**Jack Rose.** A novelty of 1909. Dark crimson like the Jacqueminot rose. A free bloomer. 25 cts.

**Hortulanus Witte, 1912.** Pure white, a beautiful flower. 75 cts.

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JEAN CHARMET



LE GRANDE MANITOU



## FRIGOLIA

**Frigolia.** The most effective flower in the peony class. A blood red petal with white tip. As a cut flower it has no equal. 50 cts.





**Jeanne Charmet.** Immense flowers, 6 to 8 inches in diameter, on long, wiry stems; white splashed with deep violet red and edged pinkish lilac. Fine for any purpose. 25 cts.

**Kaiserin Augusta Victoria.** One of the finest cut flowers we have. A large pure white flower produced in abundance from early till late. 25 cts.

**La France.** An immense flower, about the color of the La France rose. Every good quality. 50 cts.

**Lucy Fevrier.** A full good large flower of a beautiful rose shade. Remarkable stems and a fine keeper. 50 cts.

**Madame Aymard.** A rich shade of mauve. This we consider one of the best of its class. 25 cts.

**Mrs. Fleers.** 1911. Rosy red flowers, medium size, good keeper

**Mammoth.** (As the name indicates.) An excellent flower for cutting, strong growth, long stems. A grand exhibition variety. Red, flat petals. 50 cts.

**Giant Purple.** A fine flower for exhibition purposes; strong stems 50 cts..

**Le Grand Manitou.** An immense flower of great depth; petals large and wide, chocolate and white, speckled, blotched, and sometimes a solid color. The best decorative dahlia for exhibition. 35 cts.

**Princess Juliana.** The queen of the Holland dahlias; pure white well formed flowers, long stems; the best for decorative work, 25 cts.

**Corpilla.** A fine rosy purple, of largest size. The petals roll inward giving it a distinctive attraction. A fine cut flower. 25 cts.

**Le Geant.** Flowers enormous of a nice dark velvety red. 35 cts.

**Madame A. Lumiere.** Pure white with violet tips; very unique flower of medium size. 25 cts.

**Madame Marie Collet.** Copper color shading to salmon and yellow; flowers freely produced on long stems. A remarkable keeper and a great addition. 35 cts.

**Madame Van den Dael.** The improved "pond lily" dahlia. Soft rose, shading to a white centre. Very free. 15 cts.

**Maurice Rivorior.** Collarette type. Flowers rich crimson with pure white collar. One of the best. 35 cts.

**Mlle. Helene Charvet.** Pure white with an occasional tint of pink on the edges; fine for decorative purposes. 35 cts.

**Morocco.** Deep crimson maroon with white tips. Excellent for cutting... 50 cts.

**Monsieur Burel.** Apricot yellow shading darker toward centre. 25 cts

**Papa Charmet.** Brilliant coral red, perfect flowers in great abundance; a really fine dahlia. 25 cts.

**Source de Feu.** (Source of Fire ) Deep orange, splashd and penciled with scarlet; very striking. Immense flowers on strong stems, 25 cts

**Souvenir de Gustave Doazon.** A gigantic flower, in size rivaling the sunflower; a pleasing shade of orange scarlet. 20 cts.

**Variabilis.** As the name indicates, the coloring of the flower is variable, the general run being deep amber chestnut tipped white, while some are a solid color. Form somewhat resembles a cactus dahlia. 25 cts

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**Yellow Colosse.** In this variety we have the long-looked-for yellow decorative dahlia. The habit of the plant is ideal being dwarf and sturdy, while the enormous flowers are borne profuesly on long, strong stems. In color the brightest yellow, while in form much resembling the well-known Le Colosse.

For the decoration of the park, garden, large borders, carriage drives and other similar positions, those varieties having noble flowers of distinctive colors are absolutely essential to produce the desired effect. It is, therefore, with much pleasure we offer this grand novelty, feeling sure it will be thoroughly appreciated wherever grown.

25 cts.

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**Ruth Hathaway, 1913.** A fine white decorative. Unexcelled for cutting, strong grower and ideal habit. 50 cts.

**Sherlock Holmes, 1912.** Mauve, a new color in this race, a grand form, free flowering. \$1.00.

**Tenor Alvarez.** Very large and free, rose ground, striped and speckled crimson; fine flower for exhibition. 75 cts.

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### American Seedling Cactus Dahlia

**Golden Gate.** A large yellow cactus of immense size, this grand cactus Dahlia surpasses any of its color in growth and flowering qualities. For group effect it is unsurpassed; as the flowers stand out boldly above the foliage. Price 75 cts.

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This trial set of superb Dahlias sent postpaid anywhere in the U. S. for \$2.50.

Mme H. Cayeux.—Jean Charmet.—Goldland.—Geisha.—Pearl De Lyon—Yellow Colosse—Emmy.—King Edward—Ruth Forbes—Papa Charmet —Delice.—Aurora.

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**PEONY DAHLIAS OF OUR OWN INTRODUCTION**

Extra large flowers, composed of two or three rows of petals, surrounding a conspicuous yellow disc.

These are becoming very popular for garden display and table decorations where bold effects are desired. Plants are sturdy growers, producing enormous flowers in great abundance on long stems. Highly recommended for decorative purposes.

**Wm. Power Wilson.** A bright apricot with pink shading, immense size, and long stiff stem. A first class flower in every respect. Price \$1.00. (Stock limited.)

**Thomas M. Stetson.** An apricot colored flower which for cutting purposes cannot be surpassed. Splendid stems. 35 cts.

**Hawthorn.** An exquisite shade of red; largest size; long stem. 50 cts.

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**PRIZE MEDAL DAHLIAS**

**2 SILVER GILT MEDALS**  
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## Holland Peony Dahlias.

## General Collection.

**Andrew Carnegie.** Salmon pink with bronze shading; very useful for decorative work. 35 cts.

**Baron G. de Grancy.** Beautiful habit, flowers on long stems clear of the foliage; pure white. 35 cts.

**Bertha von Sutner.** Blush mauve with rosy salmon tint. Good habit and free flowering, individual blooms often measuring 8 inches in diameter. Sometimes comes full to the centre when it is simply grand. 35 cts.

**Caesar, 1911.** The finest yellow. 50 cts.

**Dr. Peary, 1911.** The best mahogany colored flower in existence. very large. 75 cts.

**Duke Henry.** A rich brilliant deep crimson. 35 cts.

**Geisha.** A wonderful scarlet and yellow flower; a variety of great merit. 35 cts.

**Germania.** Bright glowing crimson. Very attractive. 20 cts.

**Glory of Baarn.** Immense flowers of a light rose color. The effect of a well-grown plant covered with its large brilliant flowers is very striking. 25 cts.

**H. Hornsveld.** Enormous flowers, soft salmon in color and elegant in form. 35 cts.

**Isadora Duncan.** A pale salmon. 35 cts.

**King Leopold.** A fine yellow. 25 cts.

**Glory of Groene Kan.** Extra large yellow and cream. 35 cts.

**La Riente.** A fine pink, long and strong stems, medium size, 25 cts.

**King Edward.** Large purple flower, one of the best. 35 cts.

**Manheim.** Soft orange red, very fine, long stems. 35 cts.

**Merveille.** An orange yellow. 35 cts.

**Miss Gladys Dawson.** Bright orange shaded to yellow. 35 cts.

**Philadelphia.** Carmine and pink; very effective. 25 cts.

**P. W. Janson.** A fine orange yellow and salmon colored flower. 25 cts.

**Paul Kruger.** White streaked and suffused with rosy maroon. 25 cts.

**Sneeuwitje.** Pure white; a fine cut flower. 35 cts.

**Queen Emma.** Rosy salmon shaded with yellow. 25 cts.

**Queen Alaxander.** Sulphur white, elegant flower. 25 cts.

**Queen Wilhelmina.** Pure white. The finest cut flower; immense size and long stems. 25 cts.

**H. J. Lovink.** Without doubt one of the finest peony flowered dahlias in existence. A beautiful shade of white and lilac. We consider this one of the finest grown. Each 50 cts.

**Garibaldi.** A fine maroon; a splendid cut flower. 35 cts.

**Madam Herriot.** A grand flower: largest pure white, composed of 2 and 3 rows of petals. Petals long and rigid. 75 cts.

**Ruhm -von- Nijkerk.** Purple violet, a grand exhibition variety. The center sometimes comes full - making an ideal flower. Best of its color. 50 cts.

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### SHOW AND FANCY DAHLIAS.

The old-fashioned, globular flowers now classed under one head by the New England Dahlia Society, any of them to be exhibited under class for "Show Dahlias." Our collection, though small, represents only the choicest:

**Acquisition.** Dark lilac, a large full flower of exceptional merit. 35 cts.

**A. D. Livoni.** Pure pink. 10 cts.

**Black Diamond.** A maroon of exceptional merit. 25 cts.

**Buffalo Bill.** Buff, striped vermilion. Large and constant. 25 cts.

**Charles Lanier.** A grand dull yellow for cutting or exhibition. 25 cts.

**Colonist.** Chocolate and fawn, distinct color and fine form. 25 cts.

**Duchess of Albany.** Pale yellow, striped crimson. 25 cts.

**Dreer's White.** An intense pure white. The finest white show dahlia known. 35 cts.

**Dr. J. P. Kirtland.** Dark crimson, very large, free, with good stems, - 10 cts.

**David Johnson.** A grand show dahlia, quite a new color, salmon shaded rose, fine form and habit. 25 cts.

**Emily Edwards.** Blush, lavender tips; very free. 25 cts.

**Esmond.** The finest yellow show dahlia yet introduced. Very fine. 50 cts.

**Eric Fisher.** Buff, striped scarlet. 25 cts.

**Eugene Mezard.** Dark yellow with scarlet tips and centre very large, extra. 25 cts.

**Eclipse.** Vermilion; very large flowers. 75 cts.

**Flachard.** Intense red, splendid variety. 25 cts.

**Ethel Maule.** Pure glistening white. 25 cts.

**Frank Smith.** Maroon, tipped pink and white. An old favorite, but still popular. 25 cts.

**Gloire de Lyon.** A very large, pure white. 25 cts.

**Grand Dutchess Marie (Giant Show.)** This is a new variety rich buff, overlaid orange; a fine bloomer; stems 12 inches long. \$1.00.

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## SHOW DAHLIAS.

**Gloire de Paris.** Deep red, shading to purple tips, immense flowers, the largest of dahlias. 75 cts.

**Gold Medal.** Canary yellow striped and splashed deep red. A very striking flower. 25 cts.

**Gracchus.** The best of the orange-buff varieties; a flower to be relied upon. 25 cts.

**Grand Duke Alexis.** White tipped lavender, unique form 20 cts.

**Maud Adams.** White shaded pink; a beauty. 35 cts.

**Peri.** White and purple edge. 25 cts.

**Pink Lucy Faucett.** 25 cts.

**Southern Queen.** Lilac and pink. 25 cts.

**Gladiateur.** An immense show dahlia of sterling quality; dark violet bluish shade. 50 cts.

**Les Armours de Madame.** New fancy dahlia; pale rose blending to scarlet. 50 cts.

**Mme Von Tomme.** This is a valuable addition to the show class Yellow and red, immense size and strong grower. An ideal exhibition variety. 75 cts.

**Madame Heine Furtado.** A wonderfully fine white Show dahlia for exhibition purposes. 25 cts.

**Mabel.** Lilac, striped crimson; very large, without coarseness, the best of its color. 20 cts.

**Meteor.** One of the largest of this class. Glowing crimson. 25 cts.

**Mme. Lily Large.** Yellow striped and speckled vermilion. Very large flower. 35 cts.

**Memorandum.** White ground with lavender tips, very large. 35 cts.

**Southern Queen.** Lilac, shaded and penciled deep pink. 25 cts.

**Paul David.** An immense flower, similar to Le Collosse. The best exhibition flower in this class. \$1.50.

**Norma.** A dahlia sure to please; bright orange buff. 25 cts.

**Penelope.** (English) Fawn, shaded amber, and tinted yellow, good petals, large. 35 cts.

**Susan.** A light cream and white; a fine flower for cutting. 25 cts.

**Le Colosse.** Deep rose, immense flowers on good stems. 50 cts.

**Lucy Fawcett.** Light yellow penciled carmine rose. 15 cts.

**W. W. Rawson.** D deservedly one of the most popular flowers of the day. The large flowers, similar in form to Grand Duke Alexis, are freely produced on strong, erect stems. The color is hard to describe, flowers being pure white overlaid with delicate lavender shaded deeper at tips. 25 cts.

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**SINGLE DAHLIAS.**

The Single dahlia has returned to its own in popular favor and is sure to be grown in great numbers this season. Flowers are composed of a single row of ray florets surrounding a yellow disc. The varieties offered combine free-blooming habit with good long, strong stems, surmounted with flowers 5 to 6 inches in diameter. A row of these beauties cannot be surpassed for gorgeous effect for garden decoration or cut flowers. Our list is most carefully selected and is hard to beat.

**Annie Keith.** An elegant large flower, light rose without shading Our own introduction. 25 cts. First Prize, Boston, 1908. Largest Single. Honorable Mention, Newport, 1908.

**American Flag.** A fine variety red and white striped flower very attractive. 50 cts.

**Harvard.** One of the largest of the Century type. An intense crimson, with a brilliant sheen. A strong grower, with branching habit early and profuse. We have grown a fine stock of this variety and offer strong roots for 25 cts.

**Newport Beauty.** Bright crimson, a magnificent flower. 25 cts.

**Lady Helen.** Pure yellow with a delicate white stripe through the centre of each petal. 50 cts.

**Sun Ray.** Blush ground with a brilliant crimson centre, from which lines of the same color radiate toward the tips. Our own introduction. 50 cts.

**Twentieth Century.** The original century: rosy crimson, shading to white. 20 cts.

**Sunset.** A beautiful light cream and pink; one of the best. 50 cts.

**New Haven.** The best yellow single in existence. 50 cts.

**White Purity.** A valuable addition to the single class. 50 cts.

**The Bride.** The finest white single in existence; pure glistening white on long, strong stems. For cutting and vase decoration it cannot be surpassed. 50 cts.

**Yellow Single.** This variety produces deep yellow flowers in great abundance. A free-growing variety. 20 cts.

**Collection.** We have a splendid collection of giant Singles yet unnamed which we will supply at \$2.00 per dozen.

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## POMPON DAHLIA.

These are the gems of the dahlia family, producing small, compact flowers, like diminutive Show and Fancy, in great quantities, and are valuable for cut flowers and garden decoration, growing in round bushes from 2½ to 4 feet high, covered in bloom. The following are the very best selected from scores of varieties. 10 cents each except as noted.

**Adelaide.** A lovely Pompon of exquisite form. Color, blush edged with lavender. Free and constant.

**Alwine.** Pink, tinted lilac.

**Amber Queen.** Rich clear amber, shaded apricot, extra free, one of the best for Florists use.

**Archilles.** Very delicate lavender, tipped pink, fine.

**Ariel.** Deep orange buff, free.

**Bobby.** Deep plum color, extra fine and free.

**Brunette.** Crimson, blotched white, exceptionally showy.

**Belle of Springfield.** Red, one of the smallest. 20 cts.

**Blumenfalter.** Lilac, close quilled.

**Catherine.** Yellow.

**Darkest of All.** One of the darkest Pompons yet raised, and in every respect one of the best. Every bloom fit for exhibition. 20 cts.

**Darkness.** Very dark maroon, extra fine, free.

**Donovan.** White with lavender tips, very fine.

**Dr. Jim.** A very distinct variety. Color, light ground, heavily edged with purple. Perfect little flower.

**Fashion.** Orange; one of the best.

**Fairy Queen.** Sulphur, edged pink, exceedingly free.

**Fascination.** Pink and lavender, sometimes blotched white.

**Geo. Brinckman.** Pure white quilled flower of great substance.

**Gruss an Wien.** Crushed strawberry.

**Guiding Star.** White, quilled petals, flowers produced in enormous quantities. Grand for cutting. 20 cts.

**H. C. Winters.** Pale fawn, fine.

**Highland Mary.** Pink and white, full, and extra free.

**Jessica.** Yellow, edged red. Extremely pretty.

**Kleine Domatia.** Orange buff.

**Little Mabel.** Amber; a fine flower.

**Little Bessie.** Creamy white, extra fine and free.

**Little Jennie.** Primrose yellow, free and fine form.

**Nerissa.** Soft pink, tinted silver, quite a new and distinct color. 25 cts.

**Norah.** Yellow edged scarlet; a gem. 25 cts.

**Phoebe.** Orange and scarlet.

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**Mme. Henri Cayeux.** The finest of all cactus dahlias, in form, color, length of stem, and size it is all that the most critical grower could wish for. The flowers are gigantic in size, and more petals are found to the individual flower, than in any other sort. The florets are very narrow, and come to a needle point. The centre of the flower is purest white forming a perfect disc; the petals are of a most delicate fresh rose pink, with pure white tips. The entire flower is an exquisite combination. 35 cts.

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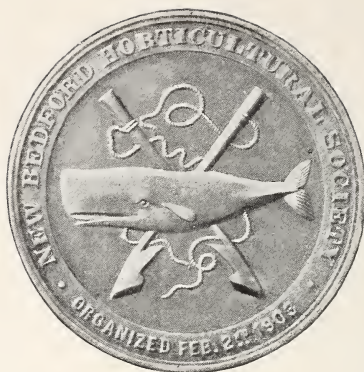
#### WHAT IS A FAILURE?

It's only a spur to the man  
Who takes it right;  
And it makes the spirit within him stir  
To go in once more and fight;  
If you never have failed,  
It's an even guess  
You never have won a high success.

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